

VOTER REGISTRATION AMENDMENTS

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends a provision relating to voter registration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ authorizes the lieutenant governor to compare the statewide voter registration database with information submitted by a registered voter to a state agency to identify a change of name or address;
- ▶ requires the lieutenant governor to:
 - establish measures to ensure the accuracy of a voter registration record; and
 - notify the county clerk of a change of name or address; and
- ▶ requires the county clerk to update the voter registration record and notify the registered voter.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

20A-2-109, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 285

ENACTS:

20A-2-304.5, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **20A-2-109** is amended to read:

20A-2-109. Statewide voter registration database -- Lieutenant governor to create -- Counties to participate -- List of incarcerated felons.

(1) (a) (i) The lieutenant governor shall develop a statewide voter registration database.

(ii) (A) The lieutenant governor may compare the information in the statewide voter registration database with information submitted by a registered voter to a state agency to identify a change in a registered voter's principal place of residence or name.

(B) The lieutenant governor shall establish matching criteria and security measures for identifying a change described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(A) to ensure the accuracy of a voter registration record.

(C) The lieutenant governor shall notify the county clerk of the county in which the voter's principal place of residence is located of the change in the registered voter's principal place of residence or name.

(b) Each county clerk shall utilize the statewide voter registration database when recording or modifying voter registration records.

(2) (a) The lieutenant governor shall maintain a current list of all incarcerated felons in Utah.

(b) (i) The Department of Corrections shall provide the lieutenant governor's office with a list of the name and last-known address of each person who:

(A) was convicted of a felony in a Utah state court; and

(B) is currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

(ii) The lieutenant governor shall establish the frequency of receipt of the information and the method of transmitting the information after consultation with the Department of Corrections.

(c) (i) The Department of Corrections shall provide the lieutenant governor's office with a list of the name of each convicted felon who is no longer subject to the jurisdiction of the department because the person has been released from incarceration.

(ii) The lieutenant governor shall establish the frequency of receipt of the information and the method of transmitting the information after consultation with the Department of Corrections.

Section 2. Section **20A-2-304.5** is enacted to read:

20A-2-304.5. County clerk's responsibilities -- Updating voter registration.

(1) A county clerk who receives notification from the lieutenant governor, as provided in Subsection 20A-2-109(1), of a change in a registered voter's principal place of residence or name may verify the change with the registered voter.

(2) Unless the county clerk verifies that a change described in Subsection (1) is incorrect, the county clerk shall:

(a) change the voter registration record to show the registered voter's current name and address; and

(b) notify the registered voter of the change to the voter registration record.